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Dodd's Witchhunt Tactics Assailed by Sen. Nelson

A REPORT by the U.S. Senate Internal Security Subcommittee charging subversion and communist activity at the University of Wisconsin was called "shocking," "ridiculous" and "spectacularly inept" by U.S. Sen. Gaylord Nelson last week, in a letter to the Madison Capitol Times.

Alfred Maund, Capital Times Washington correspondent, pointed out in a June 27 column that the subcommittee, headed by Sen. Thomas J. Dodd, based its report on testimony given by Robert Segrist, right-wing radio commentator, and that cross-examination by those mentioned in the testimony was not permitted. In contrast, Maund said, the Senate Ethics Committee, which is investigating Dodd's connections with Julius Klein, lobbyist for West German interests, permitted Dodd to cross-examine witnesses.

"This preposterous report," wrote Nelson, "... charges that 'testimony was adduced' that Prof. Rice (Professor of Law at the University of Wisconsin) had signed a petition criticizing the House Committee on Un-American Activities and that he had stated in essence that 'the U.S.

Dodd's Friend

JULIUS KLEIN, public relations agent here for West German monopolists, last week came to the defense of reactionary Sen. Thomas Dodd (D-Conn).

Charges that Dodd used his Senate position to help Klein are being investigated by a Senate committee. The charges had been made by Drew Pearson and Jack Anderson, syndicated columnists.

Klein denied the charges. He declared they were made because "Senator Dodd and I are strong Americans and anti-Communists," and, he added darkly, "I don't hesitate to say that Pearson is left wing."

was absolutely wrong with its policy in South Vietnam."

"The subcommittee report quotes one person as concluding that Prof. Rice's arguments are similar to those used by communists. In this ridiculous manner, this distinguished American

is branded by an official agency of the U.S. government as being somehow involved in attempts to subvert American youth.

"For those who have a sense of humor, I recommend that they pursue the subcommittee's citation of one 'Philip Patrick' who is identified as a news commentator on station 'WAB' in Madison.

"This may mystify Madison residents who may be aware that there is no such person and no such station.

"The charges made against this person are certainly shocking... Patrick is accused of interviewing two alleged communists on his radio program during which interview 'the two parties named recited their propaganda.'

"It is a threat to freedom of speech and freedom of press to reflect on someone for merely expressing an opinion on public questions or carrying out a legitimate public service such as interviewing people on a radio station.

"Except to amuse people who know something about the University of Wisconsin... this spectacularly inept subcommittee report will have no impact."